

FIXTURES NEXT SATURDAY

Gardiner Cup

WENTWORTH OVAL

At 1.45 p.m.:

Two Blues v. Balgownie

At 3.15 p.m.:

Granville v. Balmain Gladstones

SYDNEY CRICKET GROUND

At 3.15 p.m.:

Pyrmont v. Sydney

LETTER BAG

The Editor,
"Soccer News,"
Sports Club, Sydney.

Sir,
I feel that after handling Saturday's game between Y.M.C.A. and Newtown Juniors in "B" Grade Competition at Erskineville, that it is a point of my duty in reporting per medium of your paper, the gentlemanly display of football given by both teams. Y.M.C.A., although a man short, undoubtedly defended in a most able way, when we take into consideration the form shown by their opponents. I feel sure that with a little more practice re combination they will prove a hard nut to crack. Later on, Newtown, who I believe are level in competition points with Leichhardt Rovers, should they

continue, their present form should just about win the premiership. Whoever wins let us hope that it will be a team that knows how to give a gentlemanly display of football which no doubt is going to be the makings of the game in New South Wales.

Thanking you,
Yours truly,
L. W. PATERSON,
Referee.

GLADESVILLE CLUB.

The "B" Team of the above Club who were beaten by Sunlight in the first round of the second grade competition by the narrow margin of one goal to nil made amends for that defeat at Brereton Park last

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SEND-OFF TO ALF. JENNINGS.

Members of the St. George District and Hurstville United Clubs, augmented by local admirers, met at the headquarters of the former club on Tuesday evening, July 18th, to say "au revoir" to Alf. Jennings, the Granville centre forward. Jennings was a resident of St. George, and his many local Soccer friends desired to show how much they appreciated his efforts in the interests of the Code.

Mr. Arthur Hunt, president of St. George District Club, on behalf of those assembled, presented him with a gold medal, suitably inscribed, and in an appropriate speech wished our departing friend a most successful career as a professional Soccer player, and hoped that on his return he would sport the St. George District colours.

Alf. did not know why he deserved all this fuss, but in accepting this token of esteem assured his many friends that the gift would always remind him of the happy times he had spent with them.

Many musical items were rendered and a most enjoyable evening spent.

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EDITORIAL.

Another large attendance at Wentworth Park last Saturday conclusively proved that we have got a good certain following which will constantly increase providing we deliver the goods. Now one of the matters that needs attention is the way by First Grade club secretaries that their teams are properly numbered according to programme. Also each must insist upon their selectors select the team early enough in the week to ensure that the list reaches the Sports Club by Wednesday morning.

This journal wants to aim at being a reliable guide in all matters in connection with the game, but we cannot guarantee this without the best co-operation of all concerned. Gardner Cup games are now upon us, and our crowds will be on the increase. We must place our best foot foremost and stage our contests fittingly.

It is hoped there will be no need for complaint in this respect in the future.

HALF-BACK PLAY.

[By Tom Ruddiman, ex-Aberdeen and Glasgow Rangers.]

In Association football all positions in the outfield are important, and each has its cog in the wheel of what is the essence of "Soccer"—namely "combination"—which makes the game the attractive one it undoubtedly is; but the most important positions that make for combination in the game are those of the half-backs—the intermediate link or line between the backs and forwards. However brilliant a forward line may be collectively in themselves, the combination of the whole is made by the strength and finesse, or marred by the weakness or rashness, of the half-back line. It is the co-operation of the half and forward line and the powers of anticipation possessed by every member of those lines, coupled with the resource and ability of the full backs to judge the requisite strength and distance in their deliveries in clearing, that makes for the success of a team.

I should say without the slightest hesitation or fear of contradiction that the one position on which the whole

game of Association football turns is that of the centre-half-back, and if the centre-forward is the pivot of the front line of attack the centre-half-back is the actual pivot of the whole combination. His position is therefore, the most important on the field, and although the wing-half-backs on either side of him, as well as the backs and forwards, require to possess cool temperaments, the centre-half must have this in a greater degree. His powers of intuition must be above the ordinary. He must be a keen and quick thinker, and at all times strive to gauge the artifices and trickery of his opponents, or, in other words, size up the intentions of his antagonists with lightning-like rapidity, and counter them with something better of his own.

Assuming that the young player has some football ability and desires to shine at centre-half, he must discipline himself into controlling his temper both on and off the field, and if he pays due attention to practice, and learns to keep his proper place on the field of play, he will do well, provided he pays due attention to practice, and thereby acquires the art of placing, trapping, and heading the ball. While players in certain positions on the field may be "one-footed"—i.e., expert with either the right foot or the left—the centre-half-back must be able to do equally well with either foot. If you have not got this gift, or cannot acquire it readily with practice, then give up all idea of qualifying for centre-half, and turn your attention to one or other of the wing-half-back positions. It will be at once obvious that a "one-footed" centre-half would make a mess of things when you remember his duties are, amongst others, to give "no rope" to the opposing centre-forward; to be mindful of both defence and attack, although more mindful of the former; and to be there to intercept the pass that may come to the centre-forward from his inside right or left, or from either of the wingers. When it comes to attack and the "feeding" of his forwards—as placing the ball thereto is commonly called—it will be even more obvious what a hopeless proposition a "one-footed" player would be in the position of centre-half.

Because of his position as a reserve forward—when one moment he is helping to thrust home the attack in combination with the forwards in front of him, and the next may have to fall back quickly again to his place (and at times cover his full-backs when they in turn are drawn out of position in defending)—the half-back's position is a most exacting one. The half-backs are undoubtedly the most hard-worked men on the field; and, while the full-backs behind and the forwards in front come in for an occasional breathing space, you, as centre-half, must be tireless, always on the move, watching and anticipating the flight of the ball. Wing-halves occasionally get a rest as the play is carried from one side of the field to the other; but pressure by your opponents on one wing or the other keeps the centre-half ever on the move, helping and at times covering his hard-pressed clubmate. You must therefore possess powers of endurance beyond the ordinary, and as football is a manly game you must be fearless, ready when on the ball to take a far and square shoulder charge, and to give the same when tackling an opponent. There are those who think that Association football should be purely a game of skill and nothing else, and that it is quite unnecessary to charge an opponent when tackling or tussling for possession of the ball, raising his ire by a rather vigorous charge; but there is always a happy medium. So long as there is no undue roughness—no ankle rapping and heel tapping—a little of the sporting spirit of our forefathers may be shown in the manner I have indicated, and, although the ball itself should be the main objective, the young player must learn to hold off himself, otherwise he may be taken advantage of by one of stouter build. The main thing is not to get "rattled," and even if there are occasions when you think you have been rather unfairly treated and the referee has not been sympathetic, always come up smiling. Any show of retaliation will incline to knock you off your game, and there is far more satisfaction in upsetting your opponent's mental balance by skilful tackling, clever feinting, and keeping him guessing as to your movements than there is in getting "one back on him" by a lusty charge. There's an almost unholy satisfaction in making rings round a man that you know hasn't been altogether gentle with you, and although it appeals to the crowd don't attempt it, certainly don't overdo it, as only a wizard at the game can afford to risk this in your position.

The centre-half more than anyone else has always to bear in mind what style of game is being played by the other side, whether they are playing a close or an open game, playing up to their centre-forward by close passing or to their fast outside wing men. If the former, you will find passes coming from the inside right or left to the centre, and you are there to use all the judgment you possess to intercept them. The centre-forward may be of the type who plies his outside men with long diagonal passes, and you are there to spoil them. Should they get away, however, you will soon note when and where the wingers usually swing the ball into the centre again. Your duty then is to recover your ground quickly and "blanket" the centre-forward before he can get time to shoot. There is no better way that a centre-half can learn to anticipate the inside forward's movements than by trying out

the centre and inside forward position himself in several games.

One might fill volumes in enlarging upon the many things that a centre-half has to note during the progress on the play; but, shortly, he must keep a watchful eye for selfishness in any of the opposing forwards, and play on it. He must size up the "one-footed" man, and having discovered such weakness or other little weaknesses in his opponents, it is his duty to play upon them with the assistance of his wing-halves. Once you have perceived a weakness in your opponents, whether it be at right or left-back or at right or left-half, your duty is to "feed" your own wing that is in opposition, and thus play upon your opponent's weak spot.

You must practice for all you are worth until you can command a very close control of the ball; but you should never overdo the dribbling, as it is termed, or, in other words, hang on to the ball too much, as selfishness is simply fatal in a centre-half. Pick out the player, and that quickly, that is in the best or most unmarked position to receive the ball, and place it to him by a sharp drive "along the carpet." This is where your judgment as to direction and strength of delivery comes in. There may be occasions when you cannot see any of your own side in an unmarked position, and in that case you can only bring into play all the trickery and control of the ball you possess, draw one or other of your opponents, and when this has been done get rid of the ball without delay.

Vary your style of play as much as possible. Use every artifice you can think of in defence. Back up your forwards at every opportunity, but don't "crowd in" on them, and be always ready for a pot at goal. Many fine chances to score goals come the way of the half-backs, and they should therefore be as skilled in shooting as the forwards. The goalkeeper requires room. He may not have it, and if his goal be crowded he may readily be taken unawares by a stray shot from the centre or wing-half.

The most essential qualification of all, however, in a centre-half is ability to use either foot well (always a fine accomplishment in any position) to drive the ball to the forwards in front of him along the ground or to push it to where he wills with requisite strength per medium of his instep. I shall have something to say regarding the other essentials—heading and trapping the ball—later, and will conclude this with a reference to the art of placing. The skill necessary to accomplish this cannot be acquired without practice in plenty during the off season, particularly towards the opening of the football season. That is the time to practise assiduously the art of placing, trapping, and heading. I know of no better method of learning the first-mentioned than the way the writer learned a little of the art himself—namely, by setting up a couple of skittles or Indian clubs about a yard apart close to a fence, standing off for a commencement about twelve yards distance, and endeavouring to drive the ball with the instep of first one foot and then the other so as not to raise the ball or knock over a skittle. It will astonish the young

player what can be done in this way with constant practice, and gradually placing the skittles, clubs, or whatever he may choose to set up closer he should continue practising until he can plant the ball between with either foot. To acquire the art of keeping the ball low and qualifying as a "daisy-cutter" expert he should stand close up to the ball and lean his body slightly over or in advance of the ball. To be a foot or so behind the ball means that he is bound to left it. In conclusion, I cannot emphasise too strongly the importance of practice at every possible opportunity, and the cardinal factors the young player must never forget are to keep your temper, keep your place, and do not ramble all over the field, or the combination of your side will "go by the board."

SOCCKER'S POPULARITY

Amazing Attendances at League Games. Over 25,000,000 Spectators.

The football season, which came to an end last Saturday, the 7th May, 1921, has been the most successful ever recorded in the history of the game.

The total number of spectators present at the four principal competitions was 28,144,000, made up as follows:—First League, 13,372,000; Second League, 7,553,000; Third League, 4,856,000; Association Cup, 2,363,000. Thus the figures for the three divisions of the league were over 25,000,000, and for the first and second divisions 20,925,000, as against 17,000,000 in the season 1919-20.

Newcastle United, who were second to Chelsea in the season 1919-20, now occupy pride of place with an average of nearly 40,000 for each of their home matches, whilst the support given to Manchester United, Liverpool, Aston Villa and Bolton has also increased, but the most notable example in this respect has been Burnley, a result undoubtedly due to the magnificent consistency of the team. The East Lancashire club's home fixtures increased from 434,000 to 690,000, and away from home they attracted 703,000, as against 449,000 the previous year.

The table for the First Division is as follows:—

	Home.	Away.
Newcastle	865,000	626,000
Chelsea	817,000	581,000
Manchester U.	768,000	524,000
Tottenham	752,000	578,000
Liverpool	750,000	592,000
Aston Villa	733,000	655,000
Bolton	711,000	635,000
Everton	694,000	596,000
Burnley	690,000	703,000
Arsenal	682,000	586,000
Manchester C.	646,000	626,000
Blackburn	631,000	622,000
W. Bromwich	583,000	619,000
Sunderland	581,000	643,000
Sheffield U.	561,000	554,000
Middlesboro'	514,000	573,000
Preston	469,000	555,000
Bradford City	469,000	558,000
Huddersfield	429,000	602,000
Oldham	355,000	594,000
Derby	351,000	518,000
Bradford	321,000	556,000

THE SECOND DIVISION.

In the Second Division, Birmingham and Cardiff City are easily first and second, and it is worthy of note that the home figures of the former compare very favourably with those of Aston Villa, and surpass those of West Bromwich Albion. The table is as follows:—

	Home.	Away.
Birmingham	635,000	409,000
Cardiff	607,000	382,000
Wednesday	439,000	323,000
Bristol	438,000	329,000
Wolverhampton	421,000	305,000
West Ham	411,000	374,000
Coventry	369,000	320,000
Fulham	366,000	324,000
Clapton	360,000	318,000
Leicester	349,000	325,000
S. Shields	344,000	333,000
Leeds	327,000	351,000
Nott's County	313,000	382,000
Port Vale	313,000	357,000
Stoke	277,000	335,000
Rotherham	266,000	352,000
Bury	257,000	324,000
Notts County	313,000	382,000
Barnsley	230,000	324,000
Hull City	200,000	309,000
Blackpool	199,000	330,000
Stockport	187,000	337,000

Each visiting club takes a percentage of the receipts at their matches, and it is noteworthy that 14 in First Division and 11 in the Second played before more spectators than visitors, than they did at home.

In 1919-20 the number whose receipts from this percentage was greater than their payments was in the First Division, and 12 in the Second.

FIXTURES FOR TO-DAY.

N.S.W. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (GARDINER CUP).

Lithgow Thistle v. Burns Anniversary, Lithgow.
Wallsend v. Kurri Kurri, Newcastle.

Two Blues v. Balgownie, Wentworth Oval, 1.45. (W. Wright).

West Wallsend v. Balmain Fernleigh, Newcastle (Hamilton).

Thirroul v. Adamstown, Wollongong (Illawarra).

Pyrmont v. Sydney, Sydney Cricket No. 2, 3.15 (E. Lukeman).

Granville v. Balmain Gladstone, Wentworth Oval, 3.15 (E. Jones).

FIRST GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

First Division.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Gladesville, Brereton Park, 3.15 (J. Leslie).

Second Division.

Campsie Thistle v. North Sydney, Beauchamp Park, 3.15.

Railway Thistle v. Garden Island, Lyne Park, 3.15 (A. Peatty).

Gladesville Hospital v. Metters, The Hospital, 1.45 (G. Hargrett).

SECOND GRADE. A Division.

Manly v. Botany Albion, Eoora-Oval, 3.15 (S. Hayes).

Annandale Altona v. Hornsby Athletic, Easton Park, 3.15 (W. Alexander).

Metters v. Punchbowl, Mascot Park, 3.15 (S. Allen).

Gladesville v. N.S.W. Fire Brigades, Brereton Park, 1.45 (S. Freeman).

Sunlight, the bye.

B Division.

Parramatta District v. Callan Park, Callan Park, 1.45 (G. Fooks). Two Blues v. West Sydney, deferred.

Drummoyne v. Abbotsford District, Easton Park, 1.45 (J. O'Toole).

Hurstville United v. Rozelle Rovers, Ibrox Park, 1.45 (D. McKinnon).

St. George, the bye.

C Division.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Punch Park, Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, 1.45 (L. Gill).

Railway Thistle v. Garden Island, Lyne Park, 3.15 (A. Peatty).

Gladesville Hospital v. Metters, The Hospital, 1.45 (G. Hargrett).

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1922.

FIRST GRADE.

First Division.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Eastern Suburbs, Centennial Park, 1.45.

Pyrmont v. Gladesville, Wentworth Oval, 3.15.

Balmain Fernleigh v. Balmain Gladstone, Easton Park, 3.15.

Granville v. Canterbury, Clyde Oval, 3.15.

Second Division.

Burns Anniversary v. Balmain Scottish, Ibrox Park, 3.15.

Auburn v. Sydney, Wentworth Oval, 1.45.

Campsie Thistle v. Commonwealth Dockyard, Canterbury Road, 3.15.

Lancashire Socy. v. North Sydney, Beauchamp Park, 3.15.

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

Manly v. Punchbowl, Brookvale Oval, 3.15.

Annandale Altona v. Metters A, Mascot Park, 3.15.

Gladesville v. Hornsby Athletic, Wahroonga Grammar School, 3.15.

Sunlight v. N.S.W. F.B., Easton Park, 1.45.

Botany Albion, the bye.

B Division.

Parramatta District v. Abbotsford District, Brereton Park, 3.15.

Two Blues v. Drummoyne, Rosehill Park, 3.15.

Callan Park v. Rozelle Rovers, Callan Park, 1.45.

St. George v. West Sydney A, Cook Park, 3.15.

Hurstville United, the bye.

C Division.

Pyrmont Rangers v. Garden Is., Ibrox Park, 1.45.

Punch Park, v. Railway Thistle, Brereton Park, 1.45.

Metters Ltd. v. Gladesville Hospital, The Hospital, 1.45.

Botany Albion receive forfeit from Annandale Altona.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

Mr. Fred W. Barlow (president of the New South Wales Soccer Football Association) has been associated with the Code almost since its inception in this State nearly forty years ago.

It was with the Granville District that Soccer's popular leader first became associated with the game, and he was one of the pioneers in the formation of the present-day flourishing Granville District Association. Aptly described as "the father of Soccer" in the Granville area, Mr. Barlow has rendered yeoman service in popularising the game amongst the schools and juniors.

Mr. Barlow is a practical supporter of healthy outdoor exercise. "I would rather see 500 players reap the benefit of participation in our game than witness the spectacle of 10,000 looking on," are the views of the genial president.

During Mr. Barlow's occupancy of the presidential chair, the game throughout the State has made phenomenal progress. This is in a great measure due to his untiring efforts and business acumen. His endeavours have also been directed in securing the visit of an English side to Australia. During a recent trip to the homeland Mr. Barlow had many interviews with Soccer leaders anent the project. Nothing daunted by temporary rebuffs, he is at present directing with vigor a campaign to secure the consummation of a life-long desire.

Mr. Barlow is justly optimistic regarding Soccer's future in Australia, and New South Wales in particular.

—From the "Daily Telegraph."

DUGGAN BROS.
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Mr. L. B. Tamlyn has accepted the position of manager of the N.S.W. team, which is to tour Queensland. The team leaves Sydney on the 3.30 Limited for Brisbane on Wednesday, August 2nd.

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Mr. A. Peaty and R. Storey will accompany the team on its visit to Bananaland.

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STEVE STACK.

A small but enthusiastic gathering at the Sports Club on Friday night, July 21st, met for the occasion of making a presentation to one who has done valuable work for the Soccer Code.

Mr. W. Lincoln, President of the Metropolitan Association, was in charge, and Mr. F. C. Packer represented the Juniors. In the course of his eulogistic remarks, Mr. Lincoln traced the great work of Mr. Stack, and hoped that although he was about to join the band of benedict, he would still be able to carry on with the good work he has been doing for the advancement of the Code. On behalf of the Management Committee, Mr. Lincoln presented Mr. Stack with a beautiful china dinner set. In responding, "Steve" said "although he knew the English language fairly well, he found it hard to find words to express his appreciation of the way in which he had been held in esteem, by those with whom he had the honour to work during his many years with the association."

We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Stack happiness and long life, and feel sure that his future will be as successful as the past.

POT SHOTS.

The Campsie Thistles have suddenly stopped blooming and are going to seed.

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Sydney were defeated through making the mistake that one Palmer was sufficient to make a de-fence.

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Australia prevented the N.S.W. team from scoring by placing Cartright between the posts.

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Fisher's flying kicks tickled the crowd.

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For a good laugh let Allan hit you.

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Barwell (N.Z.) is a 10.3-5th man.

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Such a novelty ought to be in circus, not on a football field.

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Cook (N.Z.) attempted too many solos.

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Must have thought it was a singing competition.

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Stemmers took a ball off the goalies foot.

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Generally corns are what grows a fellow's foot.

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Entries for Cronin Cup will close on July 31st. All entries to be sent to Hon. Sec. W. Robertson, 69 Ballast Point Road, Balmain.

Billy Mace, Two Blues' full back, has passed the Referees' examination, his papers were excellent.

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SATURDAY'S MATCH.

FROM A WOMAN'S STAND-POINT.

Does Mr. Dane use fixaline on his hair?

Has hitting the ball with his head worn Mr. Gibbs' hair off?

Who is Mr. Fisher's barber?

Is it necessary to be able to kick with your head as well as both feet in Soccer?

Shouldn't Mr. Mauder's name be spelt Meander?

Why does every one scream out, "Shoot! Shoot! for Heaven's sake shoot," when one never sees any revolvers?

May any lady who wishes to kiss any player after a match like the salutation the goalie received? If so, where is Mr. Thompson playing next week?

When every one wants the ball to go in, why do they put a man there to keep it out?

Why did the man next to me who yelled, "Blue, Blue!" all the afternoon, clap, stamp and cheer when

Question suggested by above, are men mad?

How much does the umpire weigh?

There was a bandy-legged player on the Australian side. Is it a result of his knees knocking together in New Zealand during the earthquakes?

What did Mr. Cumberland take off his boots for? he evidently believes in sock-er.

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N.S.W. TEAM.

The N.S.W. team to tour Queensland is as follows:

Goal: A. Atchison (Granville).

Full Backs: A. Critcher (Corrimbal), A. Fisher (Pyrmont), F. Galton (Bal. Gladstones).

Halves: C. Leadbeater (Granville), W. Harrigan (Corrimbal), A. Creighton (Woonoona).

Forwards: W. Dane (Granville), P. Tennard (Cessnock), A. Phillips (Bal. Fernleigh), R. C. Maitland (Pyrmont), F. Sinclair (West Wallsend), A. McLaughlin (West Wallsend), E. Loveridge (Pyrmont).

Mr. Larry Tamlyn, of the Northern District Association, will accompany the team as manager.

The first game will be played at Brisbane next Saturday against Queensland.

Sydney Cricket Ground, 3.15.

PYRMONT

v.

SYDNEY.

Referee: Mr. E. LUKEMAN.

Pyrmont.

(Blue)

R. McDonald

12—A. Fisher 2—S. Anderson 1—H. Graham 2—G. Montgomery
3—E. Loveridge 5—C. Timms 3—Bates 5—Forrester

1—J. Crum

6—A. Maclean 7—J. Maitland 6—P. Neilson 7—N. Charlton

8—S. Alewood

9—J. Burcham 10—R. Osbourne 9—J. Mellier-Smith 10—G. Glachan

Reserves:

4—J. Gray 13—J. Cornwall 11—S. Vippond 12—R. Neilson

Reserves:

4—Robinson 5—J. Gray 11—S. Vippond 12—R. Neilson

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee: Mr. L. GILL.

PYRMONT RANGERS v.

PUNCH PARK.

(Blue with Gold Sashes)

(Black and Gold)

Brereton Park, 3.15.

PYRMONT RANGERS v.

GLADESVILLE.

REFEREE: MR. J. LESTER

Pyrmont Rangers.

(Blue with Gold Sashes)

Gladesville.

(Red)

F. Anderson

1—S. Robinson 2—E. Thomas 1—Waldergraves 2—Murray
3—G. Kelso 5—J. Reid 3—McPhee 5—A. White

4—H. McAlister

6—T. Cooper 7—E. Robinson 6—J. Shaw 7—Keating

8—W. Moore

9—E. Hopgood 10—C. Graham 9—Dodds 10—Sutherland

Reserve:

C. Johnson

Reserves:

11—Robertson 12—J. Lyons

Early Match, 1.45.

REFEREE: MR. S. FREEMAN.

GLADESVILLE

v. **N.S.W. FIRE BRIGADES.**

(Black and Gold Stripes)

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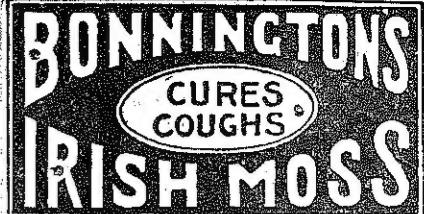
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Lakemba Meth. A put it all over Chalmers City last Saturday, and towelled them, 2-0. Chalmers certainly only fielded nine men, but it shows that last season's B Division Premiers are not altogether dead yet. St. Aidans A and Austens F.C. gave a fine exhibition, in the early part of the game. Austens put through two in quick succession, but the 'Dale boys managed to equalise before the end of the match. Worboys was Austen's most outstanding player, while Millington was conspicuous for Aidans. This team meet the leaders to-day. Last time they drew, 1-1, the Rangers scoring at the death. Mr. Castlemain, vice-president of the Referees' Association, will handle the game. Austens and Chalmers should be a good match at Ascot, though I rather favor the Red and Whites. Lakemba Meth. A and L.O.L. 46 are both level now. Wonder how they'll stand after to-day?

Lakemba Congs. A and All Souls A met at Centennial Park last week, and a fine game resulted. In the first half the Congs. had the better of the game, but failed to net. After the interval both sides bucked, and the Congs. (Richardson) netted. Almost immediately Mutt Chessel made a terrific shot, but had the stiff luck to strike the cross bar. The Congs. had by far the better quintette, while Souls possessed a good half back line. Williams and Beardmore were the best on the day, while Rodwell and Watson were the most improved. Townsend and Chessel were very conspicuous—they spent most of their time being off side. All Souls, displaying great sportsmanship, withdrew their protest against Dulwich Hill Baptist A. This team had no difficulty in defeating Leichhardt Meth. last week. Capt. Dunford reckons St. Aidans B are going to pull Dulwich Hill Baptist A down to-day. It is certainly possible, but no more. Lakemba Congs. A should have no difficulty in disposing of Alex. Mission.

Teams will be glad to hear that Jack Bruce hopes to be on crutches to-day.

Last week we were speculating as to whether or not history would repeat itself. Well, it did, for Alex. Congs. and St. Albans again drew,

1-1, after having played a brilliant game. In the first half the Congs. were slightly the better, but after the change over St. Albans asserted themselves. A. Burne and W. Spring were Alex. Congs.' stars, while McCormick and Handley performed brilliantly for St. Albans. St. Annes and Hurlstone Park Congs. should be a good match to-day at Hurlstone Park. St. Albans, Dulwich Hill Baptist B, and Austral Waratah B should win the matches.

Lakemba Congs. B tossed St. Albans in Third Grade last week. The match was fairly decent, Allen being easily the best player on the field. He should secure representation before the season's out. Austens Juniors had a runaway win, though Tempe Park Meth. had a very close call from Botany Meth. St. Bedes defeated Lakemba Meth. B, but that's all. The scores were 1-0, which is as close a call as the Drummoyno boys have had yet. All Souls B meet them to-day, and the result should be a foregone conclusion.

Councillors are reminded that the usual monthly council meeting will be held on 1st prox., at 8 p.m. Councillors should come prepared as to what function we should hold to end the season.

THE REFEREES.

Referee Scott has provided line flags, and also whitewashed the goal posts at Wardell Park. The association provided the materials, while Mr. Scott provided the labour. He is going to erect and remove the flags each week. The M.C. have expressed their appreciation of this Ref.'s generous action.

FIRST GRADE.

Lachlan Rangers A, 23 points; Austens F.C., 17; St. Aidan's A, 16; Will. St. Stephen, 15; *Chalmers City, 14; All Saints, 12; Austral Waratah A, 7; Lakemba Meth. A, 7; *L.O.L. 46, 7.

*A match to play.

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

Lakemba Congs. A, 19 points; Dul. Hill. Bap. A, 19; Lachlan Rangers B, 18; All Souls A, 16; Alex. Mission, 15; Balmain Pres., 11; St. Aidan's B, 10; Leichhardt Meth., 7; Enmore Tabernacle, 5.

B Division.

Alex. Congs., 22 points; St. Albans, 21; St. Anne's, 16; Dul. Hill. Bap. B, 13; Hurlstone Park Congs., 12; St. John's, 11; Austral Waratah, 10; Newtown Congs., 9; St. Annes, 8; All Souls, 7; Botany Meth., 5.

THIRD GRADE.

St. Bedes, 22 points; Lakemba Congs. B, 18; Tempe Pk. Meth., 17; Lakemba Meth. B, 16; St. Albans, 13; Austens Junrs., 12; St. Oswald's, 8; All Souls, 7; Botany Meth., 5.

DRAW FOR SATURDAY, 5th AUGUST, 1922.

FIRST GRADE.

Austens, F. C. v. All Saints, Ascot, 3.15.

Chalmers City v. Will. St. Stephen's, Willoughby, 2.30.

L.O.L. 46 v. St. Aidan's A, Waterloo Oval, 3.15.

Austral Waratah A v. Lakemba Meth. A, Lakemba, 3.15.

Lachlan Rangers A, the bye.

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

All Souls A v. St. Aidan's Fivedock, 3.15.

Lakemba Congs. A v. Belmore Tabernacle, Lakemba, 1.45.

Balmain Pres. v. Dul. Hill Bap. Hurlstone Park, 3.15.

Lachlan Rangers B v. Alex. Mission, Waterloo, 1.45.

Leichhardt Meth., the bye.

B Division.

Alex. Congs. v. Dul. Hill Bap. Wardell Road No. 2, 3.15.

St. Alban's v. Newtown Congs. Centennial Park, 3.15.

Hurlstone Park Congs. v. John's, Centennial Park, 1.45.

St. Annes v. St. Andrews, Mountbank, 2.30.

Austral Waratah B, the bye.

THIRD GRADE.

All Souls B v. Lakemba Meth. The Flat, 1.45C.

Austens Juniors v. St. Bedes, Fivedock, 1.45.

St. Oswald's v. Lakemba Congs. The Flat, 1.45.

St. Alban's v. Botany Meth. cot, 1.45.

Tempe Park Meth., the bye.

1.45.

Easton Park, 3.15.

Referee : Mr. W. ALEXANDER.

ANNANDALE v.
ALTONA
(Blue and White Stripes)

HORNSBY
ATHLETIC.
(Blue)

Early Match, 1.45.

Referee : Mr. J. O'TOOLE.

DRUMMOYNE v.
(Black and White)

ABBOTSFORD
DISTRICT.
(Black and White)

GRANVILLE ASSOCIA-TION.

West Ryde journeyed right out to St. John's Park, and went back home winners, 4-1.

Lidcombe had the bye.

In the Junior under 18 Competition, Lidcombe failed to travel out to Carlingford to receive a hiding at the hands of the orange pickers.

Auburn District received a forfeit from Kewpies.

Two Blues had an easy win over West Ryde at Rosehill, 3-0.

Rovers, who had the bye, have withdrawn from the Competition.

In the Juvenile, Lidcombe had to go to Carlingford, and they were vanquished, 2-0.

Kewpies had rather an easy win over Congregational at Clyde, 5-1.

Two Blues and West Ryde met at Rosehill, and the Blues just won on time, 1-0.

A happy little function was held in the local Town Hall on Monday night, to say "Au Revoir" to the popular Alf Jennings, who sailed on Tuesday. Notwithstanding the incessant rain, 50 of Alf's friends turned out to bid him bon voyage, and a safe return.

Mr. Membrey, in wishing Mr. Jennings God speed, wished him every success in his new team, and the hope that he will again in the not far distant future don the Black and White shirt.

Mr. Arthur Peaty presented Mr. Jennings with a miniature silver "Boomerang," suitably engraved.

Ned Doherty, late captain of the Magpies, presented Alf with a pretty souvenir in book form, which was autographed by the members of the team, the officials of the N.S.W. Association, as well as those of the G.D.F.A.

Mr. Henden Epps, chairman, in a few well chosen words, wished Alf all sorts of luck and the assurance that his doings will be keenly watched by all.

Mr. Fred Barlow, President of the N.S.W. F.A., also spoke feelingly of the influence Mr. Jennings had over the team and the play generally, and at his suggestion all present joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne."

Mr. Jennings feelingly responded.

Will Dane was also welcomed home from his trip to New Zealand. He spoke of the wonderful time he had, and thanked all for his warm reception.

THE REFEREE.

(By MAC).

Laws of the Game—Law 17 continued. The Penalty Kick.—"In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 outside the penalty area, or by the attacking side within the penalty area, a free kick shall be awarded to the opposite side from the place where the infringement occurred.

In the event of any intentional infringement of Law 9 by the defending side within the penalty area, the referee shall award the opponents a penalty kick, which shall be taken from the penalty kick mark under the following conditions:—All players, with the exception of the player taking the penalty kick and the opponents' goalkeeper shall be outside the penalty area. The opponents' goalkeeper shall not advance beyond his goal line. The ball must be kicked forward. The ball shall be in play when the kick is taken, and a goal may be scored from a penalty kick; but the ball shall not be again played by the kicker until it has been played by another player. If necessary, time of play shall be extended to admit of the penalty kick being taken. A free kick shall also be awarded to the opposite side if the ball is not kicked forward, or is played a second time by the player who takes the penalty kick until it has been played by another player. The Referee may refrain from putting the provisions of this Law into effect in cases where he is satisfied that by enforcing them he would be giving an advantage to the offending side. If when a penalty kick is taken the ball passes between the goal posts, under the bar, the goal shall not be nullified by reason of any infringement by the defending side.

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Unless the penalty kick is taken in accordance with the Law, the Referee must order the ball back until it is properly taken.

If, on taking a penalty kick, the ball rebounds from the goal posts or bar, and the kicker plays it a second time, a free kick must be awarded.

The penalty kick can only be awarded for the following nine offences, intentionally committed by a player of the defending side within the penalty area:

- (1) Tripping an opponent.
- (2) Kicking an opponent.
- (3) Striking.
- (4) Jumping at an opponent.
- (5) Handling the ball.
- (6) Holding an opponent.
- (7) Pushing an opponent.
- (8) Charging an opponent violently or dangerously.
- (9) Charging an opponent from behind.

Cases of handling the ball and tripping, pushing, kicking or holding an opponent, and charging an opponent from behind may so happen as to be considered unintentional, and when this is so, no penalty must be awarded.

If a player deliberately trips an opponent who is standing in an off-side position within the penalty area, and who does not attempt to play the ball or obstruct, a penalty kick should be awarded.

A penalty kick can be awarded irrespective of the position of the ball at the time the offence is committed.

If a goalkeeper has been changed without the Referee being notified, and the new goalkeeper handles the ball within the penalty area, a penalty kick must be awarded.

In the event of the ball touching the goalkeeper before passing between the posts, when a penalty kick is being taken at the expiry of time, a goal is scored.

The laws of the game are intended to provide that games should be played with as little interference as possible, and in this view it is the duty of the referees not to give penalties for technical or supposed breaches. Constant whistling for offside and doubtful breaches produces bad feeling and loss of temper on the part of the players, and spoils the pleasure of spectators.

Where a defending player is ordered off the field for kicking an

opponent within the penalty area, the Referee also has the power to award a penalty kick.

Until the referee has satisfied himself that the players are in their proper positions he should not give a signal for the kick to be taken. Any player wilfully encroaching should first be cautioned and on a repetition be ordered off the field of play. A penalty kick can be taken after time has expired.

Once more it is reminded that it is the intentional breach of the Law that must be punished.

The Referee must withhold the award of a penalty kick if he considers it would be to the advantage of the side offended against to let the play go on.

When a goal results from a penalty kick it shall not be nullified, although there may have been an infringement of Law by the defending side.

It is a common fault of referees that when players have committed offences for which they should have been ordered off the field of play, a penalty kick only has been awarded. The awarding of a penalty kick does not free a Referee from the duty of also ordering the offender off the field of play, where the offence is such as justifies this.

Extending the arms to keep an opponent back, though not actually catching hold of him with the hand, is considered to be holding.

Should the ball hit the goal post or bar and rebound into play, the player who played it must not play it again until it has been played by another player. Should he do so, a free kick must be given against him.

The goalkeeper defending a penalty kick must not advance beyond his goal line.

Players are not required to stand behind the ball, but may take up their position anywhere outside the penalty area, but within the field of play.

There is a practice of players yelling or making other noises with the object of putting either the goalkeeper or the kicker at a disadvantage. Be gentlemen, and treat your opponents as such.

Players must wait for the Referee's signal before taking the penalty kick.

A player may not rush in from his place outside the penalty area until the ball has been kicked. If he does so he may be cautioned, and on repeating the offence, be ordered off the field of play.

The kick must be forward.

Though a penalty kick may be deserved, the Referee is empowered not to enforce it, if to do so would benefit the offenders. Also if a penalty kick is awarded and scores, the Referee must ignore any infringement by the defenders, and let the goal stand.

The "Laws of the Game" are now completed, with the exception of consideration of those dealing with the field of play, which will receive attention next week.

Like many more Referees, with the day off, I travelled to Wentworth Park on Saturday last, and enjoyed the game immensely. This was the first game I had witnessed this season as a spectator, and quite enjoyed the innovation, with the exception that, like most of those who are in the game, I had that feeling of wanting to be up and doing. However, I was in a reminiscent mood, and the games of my youth, the crowds, etc., were vividly remembered.

I tried to imagine how the war cry business would be received by an old country gathering, and smiled at the thought, but then, "When in Rome," etc.

No doubt the game is making a great impression, and given favourable circumstances, time will tell.

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RESULTS FOR 22nd JULY, 1922.

Australia v. N.S.W., Wentworth Oval (Peaty), drawn, one all.

FIRST GRADE PREMIERSHIP.

Second Division.

Burns Anniversary v. Sydney, Wentworth Oval (S. Allen). Burns, 1-0.

SECOND GRADE.

Gladesville Hospital v. Garden Is. (R. Burns). Garden Island, 4-0.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (GARDINER CUP).

Woonona v. Auburn, Woonona, Woonona, 5-0.

NEWCASTLE CHAMPIONSHIP (KERR CUP).

Adamstown v. Campsie Thistle, Adamstown, 4-0.

PREMIERSHIP TABLE.

Goals.

Teams	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Pyrmont	11	10	1	0	33	9	20
Bal. Fernleigh	12	10	0	2	31	11	20
Granville	11	6	3	2	24	10	14
Bal. Gladstone	11	5	5	1	21	20	11
Pyr. Rangers	11	5	6	0	13	17	10
Gladesville	11	3	5	3	18	30	9
East. Suburbs	12	1	8	3	16	38	5
Canterbury	11	0	10	1	14	35	1

SECOND DIVISION.

Goals.

TEAM.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Bal. Scottish	12	8	3	1	43	17	19
Sydney	12	8	1	3	28	16	17
Com. Dockyard	11	7	1	3	19	11	15
Auburn	12	7	1	4	37	14	15
Burns Anniv.	12	5	4	3	26	15	14
Campsie This.	12	3	3	6	15	25	9
North Sydney	12	2	1	9	18	36	5
Lancas. Socy.	11	-	11	8	61	-	-

SECOND GRADE.

A Division.

Goals.

Teams	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Annan. Alt.	11	2	7	2	29	14	20
Horns. Ath.	11	2	7	2	27	24	20
Sunlight	12	1	6	1	5	20	15
N.S.W. F.B.	11	1	5	1	5	20	13
Gladesville	10	2	4	1	5	17	13
Metters	11	2	4	1	6	18	13
Manly	10	1	4	2	4	18	12
Bot. Albion	10	1	4	-	6	17	24
Punchbowl	12	1	2	2	8	16	8

B Division.

Goals.

Teams	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
West. Syd.	12	1	9	1	2	41	13
Pmatta. Dis.	11	2	7	2	2	29	13
Callan Pk.	12	2	6	3	2	36	16
Two Blues	9	2	6	2	1	48	6
Hurst. Und.	12	1	7	-	5	21	16
Roz. Rovers	12	1	5	3	4	20	19
Abbots. Dis.	11	2	3	1	9	11	34
Drummoyn	11	1	2	1	8	10	45
St. George	11	1	1	1	9	11	57

C Division.

TEAMS.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Pyr. Rang.	11	2	10	1	-	45	5
Garden Isd.	11	2	8	2	1	30	12
Funch Pk.	12	1	9	1	2	43	22
Rail. This.	11	2	3	2	6	16	29
Glades. Hos.	11	2	2	3	6	13	19
Botany Alb.	12	1	2	7	10	34	9
Annandale Altona	11						
Sydney	12						

throughout, and ran out winners three goals to nil. The Arncliffe Eleven have been very disappointing in the last few matches, and will need to improve to be able to go far in the Charity Cup competition.

Lilyfield B team met Balmain Gladstone on Leichhardt Flat, and resulted in a one goal draw. The match was evenly contested throughout, early in the first half Parker netted a great goal for main. The second half was mainly in Lilyfield's favour, Balmain being badly penned in. A persistent pressure on the back Bennett, of Balmain, kicked through his own goal, thus equalising. Lilyfield were unlucky not to win, as they completely overcame Balmain in the concluding 15 minutes. Jenkins showed good form in centre for Lilyfield.

Lilyfield C continue to meet success, having won their last engagements in good style. Long and Mitchell are very consistent in the half back line, and are well backed up by Robinson, who defends well and is a good tackler. Skipper A. Menzies handles the ball into the corner of his own net; the sight of the ball appeared to be lost by Joass, the full Reds scored?

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JUNIORS.

KOGARAH v. CANTERBURY

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The early fixture at Primrose Park last Saturday between the above teams was productive of sparkling football, and the Kogarah combination who have improved considerably of late gave the leaders the shock of their lives by holding them to a one all draw. Kogarah were unfortunate in not winning, as they were awarded two penalty kicks, and both were kicked wide.

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MARRICKVILLE v. ARNCLIFFE.

The late fixture at Primrose Park was far from interesting, and Marrickville had the upper hand

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THE SOCCER NEWS.

Division II.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Prat. Jun.	12	10	0	2	38	7	22
Arnclif. United	12	8	2	2	36	15	18
Glebe United	12	6	2	4	24	14	16
Pet. Kan.	12	6	4	2	15	19	14
Rovers	12	5	5	2	18	16	12
Bal. Park	12	3	4	5	21	23	11
Banksmeadow	12	2	10	0	10	17	4
Leichhardt Jnr.	12	0	11	1	45	1	1

Division III.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Birchgrove	12	11	1	0	41	7	22
Primrose	11	10	0	1	49	5	21
Marrick. Ltd.	12	7	2	3	33	7	17
Glebe Arcadia	12	8	3	1	56	9	17
Camp. Y.M.C.A.	11	5	5	2	32	29	12
Bal. Benn.	12	3	7	1	8	19	7
Peter's Jr.	11	2	10	0	15	36	4
Ark of Safety	10	1	9	0	5	67	2
South Bay	11	1	10	0	5	45	2

FIXTURES FOR AUGUST 5th, 1922.

RICHARDSON CUP—STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Marrickville Avoca v. Corrimal A

Woonona, Primrose No. 1, 3.15.

Dulwich Hill Athletic v. Balgownie

South Coast.

Camperdown this

should prove a strenuous contest.

Camperdown were victorious

the previous meeting, 3-1.

A GRADE.

Division I.

TEAM.	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.

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Ibrox Park, 3.15.

Referee: Mr. G. SKELLY.

LANCASHIRE SOCIETY v. COMMONWEALTH DOCKYARD.
(Maroon) (White)**Early Match, 1.45.**

Referee: Mr. D. MCKINNON.

HURSTVILLE UNITED v. ROZELLE ROVERS.
(Maroon and Gold Band) (Green and Gold Stripes)**IN THE LETTER BAG.**

To the Editor.

Sir.—In reference to repeated statements in your paper and elsewhere about the proposed visit of a team from the Old Country, I think it high time that followers of the game should be made aware of the scheme under consideration.

The repeated assertion "an English amateur combination" may mean anything, and I certainly think requires some explanation. Is it intended to be a visit of an old country team, viz., a British team playing British football, or only an English team playing English football? If the latter, I "hae ma doots" about the complete success of the venture, for many reasons, and it is a direct insult to the majority of "pommies" playing and supporting the game in this country. I submit that the combination should consist of representatives of the British Isles, otherwise it is NOT a British team. The team should consist of an equal number of Scotch and English players with Irish and Welsh players added. The English game is altogether different to the Scotch game, which is more spectacular from the point of view of the public. Amateurs are not the best exponents of the Code (the Queens Park Glasgow is the only amateur club of note), and the visitors should be expert in their respective positions.

The public here pay the piper, and are therefore entitled to call the tune, and some consideration should be shown to them.

It is to be hoped that those in authority will view the matter in the best interests of the game, and let us have a British team, and a British exhibition of British football.

I trust others interested will voice their opinion on this matter,

so that our game will benefit thereby.

No doubt the narrow minded bigots will accuse me of bias and parochialism, but far from it, my contention is that to make the tour a complete success, and help Soccer become the premier game in Australia, it is imperative that we have a British team.

Much more could be said on the matter, but will conclude by stating that some people persist in calling a spade by any other name but "SPADE."

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Dear Sir.—The Botany Albion Soccer Club held a social evening in Mr. Morella's Hall on Wednesday evening last for the purpose of making a presentation of a silver teapot to two of their players, D. Wilcox and W. Nunn, on the occasion of their marriage. Both of these members have been hard workers for the club since the Albions were formed in 1913, and have both held the position of captain of the team.—F. Nunn, hon. secretary, Botany Albion Soccer Club.

SOCCER AT LITHGOW.

We have three competitions: First Grade, consisting of three clubs; Second Grade, five clubs; and School, six clubs.

The shortage of first grade clubs is due to trade depression in the town, but good juniors are coming on, and will be seniors next season. The most important business done at the commencement of the season was when the association, after a keen struggle, was successful in reviving school football after a lapse of five years.

In addition, K.O. Competitions are staged, viz., Langlands Cup for Senior Grade clubs (donated by Mr.

G. Langlands), Pedersen Cup Junior Grade (donated by Mr. Pedersen).

The Thompson Cup (donated by Mr. H. G. Thompson) is presented to the winners of the Schools Competition.

Six teams have entered for the Langlands Cup K.O. Competition, viz.: Thistle, R. and T. Institute, Zig-zag, Wolgan Rangers, Wolgan Magpies, and the newly formed Bathurst Club, all senior grade clubs.

On Saturday, the 29th August, Thistle will be engaged in the second round of the Gardiner Cup with Burns Anniversary, and are confident of victory. Thistle qualified for the second round by easily defeating Metters A by four goals to nil.

Mr. Jas. Chalmers, Cook Street, Lithgow, is now the hon. secretary, and to whom all future correspondence should be addressed.

BARRACKING.

Much can be written on this important subject, which, it must be agreed, plays a big part in the success or otherwise of matches.

From a player's point of view there is no doubt that the voices of their supporters inspire them to victory, and in this respect those who are followers of their respective favourites are helping their protégés to attain the pinnacle of fame.

Unfortunately in our path of life we meet different kinds of "Barrackers," and those to which I appeal are they who unmeaningly voice their opinion of those other than their favourite player or team, in other words the hard working referee.

There is no doubt that our friends on the fence, line or grand stand find fault with referees, especially when the decision does not meet with their approval, or is against the team whom they follow; to this barracker let us say we appreciate his healthy lung power in giving to his team the spirit to achieve victory, but would ask him to accept the decisions of the Referee, whether they be correct or not, remembering the hard and unthankful position he fills.

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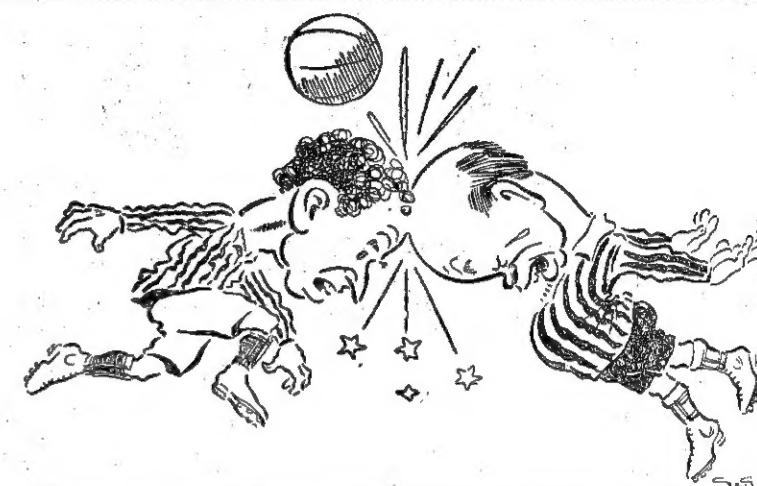
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